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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. ZAIRIAN PRESS JULY 23 CARRIED FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS ON ANGOLA:

2. STORY DATELINED KAMPALA AND APPEARING IN KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO
JULY 23 SAID ZAIRIAN COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MANDUNGU BULA AT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN KAMPALA JULY 22
DENOUNCED PORTUGUESE MILITARY INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF MPLA
IN ANGOLA AS VIOLATION OF JUNE 1 ACCORD WITH ZAIRE.
SAID ZAIRE CONTINUES TO RESPECT ACCORD, AND CEASED
ALL MILITARY AID TO FNLA FROM THAT DATE. AT PRESS CONFERENCE SAME DAY
BULA SAID THAT ZAIRE WILL ASK OAU COUNCIL TO CONDEMN PORTUGUESE
ACTION, AND
WILL PRESENT PROPOSAL CALLING ON ALL 46 OAU MEMBERS TO OBSERVE
NEUTRALITY IN ANGOLA. ADDED THAT SITUATION IN ANGOLA REFLECTS CHAOTIC
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SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, THAT SO-CALLED MARXIST GOVERNMENT IN LISBON

HAS REACHED ACCORD WITH CAPITALIST GROUPS IN ANGOLA. NOTED THAT LUANDA

IS NOW OCCUPIED BY MPLA FORCES IN VIOLATION OF NAKURU ACCORD; THAT MPLA HAD BEGUN THE FIGHTING, AND THAT ZAIRE CONDEMNS PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WHICH HAS REVERSED MILITARY SITUATION IN FAVOR OF MPLA.

3. FNLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED KINSHASA JULY 22 SAID "NO FORCE IS CAPABLE OF STOPPING ALNA FORCE MARCHING ON CAPITAL TO SAVE POPULATION OF LUANDA FROM MASSACRE AT HANDS OF NEO-FASCIST LEAGUE OF MPLA TROOPS AND PORTUGUESE INFANTRY UNDER GENERAL MACEDO". SAID FNLA POSITION FOLLOWS DECLARATION BY PORTUGUESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN LUANDA THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD USE FORCE TO OPPOSE FNLA ENTRY TO CITY. SAID PORTUGUESE STATEMENT CONFIRMS COMPLICITY OF CERTAIN PORTUGUESE ARMY ELEMENTS WITH MPLA - SINCE SIMILAR FORCE NOT USED AGAINST MPLA ARMOR IN LUANDA.

4. COMMENTING ON FNLA COMMUNIQUE CITED ABOVE, OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWS-AGENCY (AZAP) EDITORIAL JULY 23 WARNED MPLA THAT "TO START A WAR IS ONE THING, TO WIN IT IS ANOTHER". SAID MPLA AND ITS PORTUGUESEMASTERS NOW TEMPORARILY OCCUPYING LUANDA HAVE WON ONLY A BATTLE, NOT THE WAR. COMMENTED THAT MPLA, THOUGH SUPPORTED BY PORTUGUESE, CUBANS, SOVIETS AND MOZAMBICANS, IS HANDICAPPED BY FACT THAT IT IS PUPPET MOVEMENT IN PAY OF "SOCIO-IMPERIALIS." SAW ADVANTAGE FOR FNLA IN DELICATE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL WHERE LISBON GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREVENTED FROM SENDING COPCON TROOPS TO ANGOLA FOR FEAR OF LOSING POWER IN LISBON. ANDREW

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